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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO ON ITS  
OWN MOTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 105  
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION RULES  
AND REGULATIONS.

CASE NO. 7437  
Order No. R-6871

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on December 3 and 22, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 7th day of January, 1982, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That to assure the proper disposal of drilling fluids and drill cuttings and, thereby, the prevention of injury to neighboring leases or properties, Rule 105 of the Oil Conservation Division Rules and Regulations should be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 105. PIT FOR CLAY, SHALE, DRILL FLUID AND DRILL CUTTINGS

In order to assure a supply of proper material for mud-laden fluid to confine oil, gas, or water to their native strata during the drilling of any well, operators shall provide before drilling is commenced an adequate pit for the accumulation of drill cuttings. Drilling fluids and drill cuttings must be disposed of at the well site in a manner to prevent contamination to surface or subsurface waters. Removal of drilling fluids or drill cuttings for offsite disposal will be

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permitted only by approval of the appropriate Division district supervisor."

(3) That the effective date of said rule change should be February 1, 1982.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective February 1, 1982, Rule 105 of the Oil Conservation Division Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

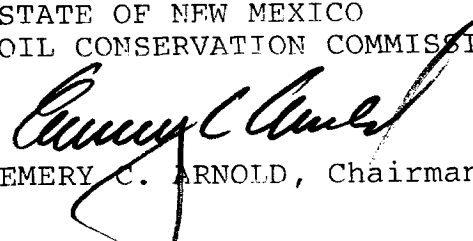
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(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
EMERY C. ARNOLD, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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